

REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 8-11 and 25-87 are pending in the application. Claims 28 and 35-48 have been withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is being filed in further response to the Official Action mailed on July 28, 2005. An Amendment in response to this non-final Official Action was previously filed on September 27, 2005.

By the present amendment, claim 26 has been amended (and new claims 50 and 51 have been added) to split the recited anti-staphylococcal agents into three dependent claims (as opposed to listing them in a Markush group). Furthermore, new claims 52-87 have been added. Support for new claims 52-87 may be found, at the very least, on page 8, lines 15-19; on page 11, lines 1-4; and throughout the specification as filed. No new matter enters by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore requests favorable consideration.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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